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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ramesh Gupta et al

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) Before the Examiner

U. S. Serial No. 09/712,654

) Basia Anna Ridley

Filed: November 14, 2000

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A METHOD FOR EXTENDING OPERATING
LIFE OF A FIXED BED REACTOR

) Group Art Unit 1764

) Confirmation Number 4644

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In response to the Office Action of March 4, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants provide the following and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

I. AMENDMENTIN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace section of paragraph inserted at page 6, line 8, proposed by the Applicants in the previous Amendment which was objected by the Examiner and which reads "In operation, the first elongated hollow member receives a portion of the feedstock and directs it into the second elongated member where it is discharged through the openings of the cage into the catalyst bed 5.", with --In operation, the bypass tube receives a portion of the feedstock and

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Fixed Bed Reactor

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Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made, if and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any changes in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims	11	Minus	20	0	x 18.00	0
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$280.00	0
FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						0

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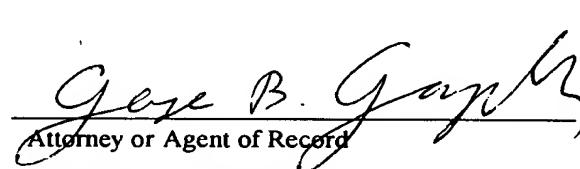
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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